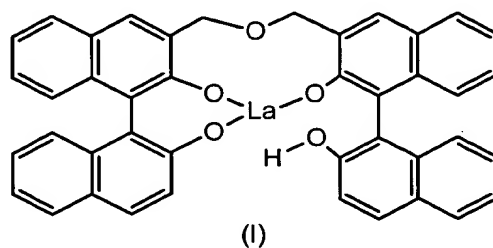


Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Currently amended) A catalyst composition comprising a ~~lanthanum-linked~~ BINOL-lanthanum complex selected from the list consisting of;

- (i) an unsubstituted ~~lanthanum-linked~~ BINOL-lanthanum complex of general formula (I), and
- (ii) a substituted ~~lanthanum-linked~~ BINOL-lanthanum complex of general formula (I), wherein at least one of the hydrogen atoms on at least one of the aromatic rings of the complex is substituted with a substituting group.



2. (Original) A catalyst according to claim 1 wherein the ~~lanthanum-linked~~ BINOL-lanthanum complex is unsubstituted (R,R)-~~lanthanum-linked~~ BINOL-BINOL-lanthanum complex.

3. (Original) A catalyst according to claim 1 wherein the substituting group is selected from the list comprising an alkyl group, an aryl group, a halide, a, a nitro group, an amino group and, or a sulphonyl group.

4-9. (Cancelled).